



EXPRESS MAIL LABEL NO. EV325783236US

PATENT APPLICATION
Docket No.: 2408.3775US

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Gregory N. Nordgren

For: CATHETER WITH VALVED DISTAL TIP

Serial No.: 09/542,503

Filing Date: April 3, 2000

Examiner: Catherine Williams

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TRANSMITTAL FOR AMENDMENT "A" AND RESPONSE TO
SPECIES ELECTION REQUIREMENT

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____ Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.9 and § 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.

X To secure the approval of the Examiner for entry of substitute formal drawings, enclosed are the following:

X First Letter to the Official Draftsperson;

X Set of thirty-four (34) sheets of replacement formal drawings on bristol containing Figures 1-62; and

X A duplicate photocopy set of the thirty-four (34) sheets of replacement formal drawings.

___ To render the transmitted Amendment "A" and Response to Species Election Requirement timely filed, enclosed are the following:

___ Petition for a _____-Month Extension of Time for a period of _____ (___) months; and

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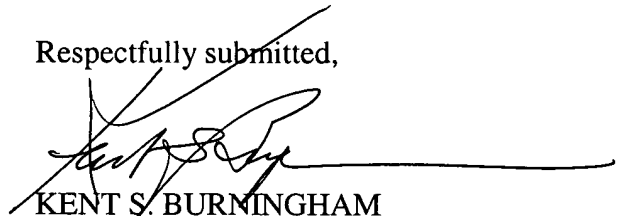
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X Any filing fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 for the presentation of extra claims.

X Any patent application processing fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

DATED this 23rd day of December, 2003.

Respectfully submitted,



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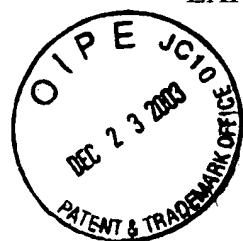
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Sir:

Pursuant to MPEP §608.02(a), transmitted herewith is a clean set of thirty-four (34) sheets of replacement formal drawings or bristol containing Figures 1-62 to be substituted subject to the approval of the Examiner for the corresponding figures that were originally filed in informal condition with the above-captioned application to expedite the filing thereof.


There are no changes in the replacement formal drawings relative to the originally filed informal drawings. Nonetheless, for the convenience of the Examiner, a photocopy duplicate set of the replacement formal drawings are also being transmitted herewith.

Please deduct the comparison fee, if required, from Deposit Account No. 20-1469 of the undersigned. Duplicate copies of this sheet are enclosed.

Please address all future correspondence in connection with the above-identified patent application to the attention of the undersigned.

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